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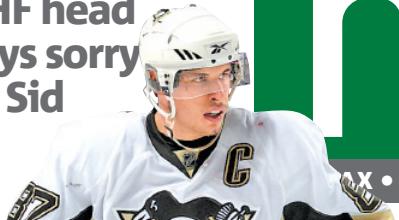
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By-elections to be held June 22

POLITICS Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter has announced a date for two provincial by-elections.

Dexter says the votes in Yarmouth and Glace Bay ridings will both be held June 22.

Yarmouth became vacant when Conservative Richard Hurlburt resigned in the wake of the legislature expense account scandal.

Liberal Dave Wilson stepped down in Glace Bay but has not given his reason for doing so.

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Montreal's P.K. Subban, from left, Marc-Andre Bergeron and Mike Cammalleri celebrate Bergeron's goal on Thursday during the Canadiens' 5-1 win over the Philadelphia Flyers in Game 3 of the NHL Eastern Conference final as Philadelphia's Andreas Nodl skates by. The Flyers lead the best-of-seven series two games to one. Story, page 15

CanJet cuts more than half of staff

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax



LAYOFFS CanJet is laying off 27 of its 44 staff in Halifax. Peter Baxter of CUPE said they were set to start contract negotiations next week, but that will be postponed until August because of the layoffs announced Tuesday and effective June 3.

"There were rumours (but) we were quite surprised with regards to the size of the downsizing," Baxter said Thursday.

"We are very disappointed with the approach the company is taking — namely to target some of its most senior and loyal workers," he added.

Airline owner Ken Rowe said the employees are being offered transfers to jobs with the company in Central Canada.

He said more flights are being operated from Central Canada, making the Halifax base less feasible.

"The business we're now conducting, all of our aircraft are pretty-well based in cities other than Halifax," Rowe said in an interview.

Baxter said he doubted there would be anything other than charter flights departing Halifax this summer.

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Tainted legislature

Long-lasting probe of expense scandal 'would be obscene': Minister

A NDP cabinet minister says a police investigation in the province's expense spending scandal needs to conclude as quickly as possible to help clear the taint surrounding the legislature.

When asked about a lengthy RCMP investigation possibly even approaching the next provincial election campaign in three years, Energy Minister Bill Estabrooks said: "That would be obscene as far as I'm concerned."

Estabrooks said all politi-

cians are tarred with the same brush at the moment.

"Let's get this thing cleared up," he said. "I would hope that the RCMP would move as quickly as possible to look at this issue."

On Tuesday, auditor general Jacques Lapointe turned over files relating to four former legislature members and one current member to the RCMP after uncovering possible illegal acts during a forensic audit of their ex-

penses. Lapointe said the audit was launched because of information forwarded to him from a number of sources after an initial report on expenses was released in February.

That report highlighted a number of questionable purchases by members of all three parties between July 2006 and June 2009. The items ranged from generators and big-screen TVs, to custom-built furniture, to

an espresso machine.

Lapointe and police have refused to release the names of those connected to the forensic audit, saying it may hinder the criminal investigation.

Estabrooks said delays in the police investigation would be a concern.

"This (scandal) has stuck with the public and justifiably so," said Estabrooks.

Just how quickly the case will proceed is impossible to predict, said Sgt. Brigitte Leger of the RCMP.

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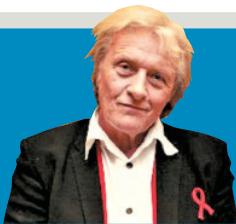


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Horror classic star speaking at screening

The star of the 1986 classic horror film *The Hitcher* will introduce the movie at the Thrillene in Halifax on Saturday. Rutger Hauer, left, who played the serial-killing hitchhiker, is in town filming the locally produced *Hobo With a Shotgun*. He'll take questions after the movie, which starts at Park Lane on Spring Garden Road at 4 p.m. Admission is \$10.

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Report finds weigh
station woes may
have compromised
highway safety: CBC

PROBE A report from Nova Scotia's ombudsman obtained by CBC News says public safety on the province's highways may have been compromised.

The report relates to workplace issues at the weigh station on Highway 104 in Amherst, where in some cases supervisors overruled tickets issued by vehicle compliance officers.

The CBC report cites a number of negative findings by ombudsman Dwight Bishop.

Bishop wrote that the working atmosphere at the weigh station had led to lax behaviour by some employees. He wrote that some were "doing minimal work and not applying risk-management principles, potentially compromising public safety and staff health."

Transportation Minister Bill Estabrooks told the CBC his department has received the report and he's aware of the issues.

The CBC reports that during the investigation, safety officers made some startling admissions.

They admitted to picking new trucks with no inspection issues because they were quick and easy to deal with. They admitted to letting trucks with possible safety infractions go by.

The ombudsman found four cases where violation tickets were arbitrarily voided by managers.

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Blogs Globe and Mail columnist John Doyle joins It's Called Football for an outsider's take on the beautiful game

Fells avoids termination but won't return to school

Next assignment up in air for ex-principal after board ruling

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Victory for Ken Fells and his supporters is bittersweet.

The former principal is not fired, but he will not be returning to work at Graham Creighton Junior High School in Cherry Brook.

The Halifax Regional School Board released the decision at 2 a.m. on Thursday after many hours of hearing evidence.

While the school board is mired in the incident that led to this possible termination, Brad Barton with the Black Educators Association of Nova Scotia said they have received accounts of what happened by students who were there.

Back in March, teachers

"I think everybody thinks it's a victory ... Unfortunately, they didn't follow through with the next step that (Ken Fells) be reinstated as principal of Graham Creighton Junior High."

Brad Barton, Black Educators Association

stepped in when they noticed a male student was taking inappropriate photos of a female student.

Fells was called in when the student wouldn't hand over the phone with the photos on it.

"From all accounts we've heard, a student pushed the arm of the principal and he had his arm against the wall," said Barton.

"There were accounts there was an assault on the principal and he had to restrain (the student)."

More than 400 people attended a meeting held by the Black Educators Association on Monday to express their support for Fells, who is involved in a number of community activities with young people.

About 100 of those supporters kept vigil outside the school board office in Dartmouth on Wednesday night.

About 20 of them stuck it out in the rain until a decision was made on Thursday.



Ken Fells

Barton said he thinks the public outcry influenced the board's decision.

"I think everybody thinks it's a victory because very few times the board rejects a recommendation from the senior staff," he said.

"Unfortunately, they didn't follow through with the next step that he be reinstated as principal of Graham Creighton Junior High."

Board member Steve Brine said the decision was based on all the evidence they heard. He added Fells' new assignment is "yet to be determined."

Officials to try refloating sunken ship repair dock

SHIPYARD An attempt will be made at low tide Friday to refloat a ship repair dock that sank at the Halifax Shipyards on May 8.

Irving officials say they are assessing the results from pumping tests conducted earlier Thursday.

Spokesman Geoff Britt says the site is being monitored around the clock by shipyard crews and will continue to be watched throughout the refloating process.

Britt says the necessary safety and environmental precautions approved by Environment Canada, the coast guard and Transport Canada have all been taken.

An investigation into the cause of the sinking is ongoing.

Company officials can't say when repairs will be complete until they get a better look at equipment and infrastructure.

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New charge for suspect in fatal crash

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CRIME The man accused of driving the car that killed a 15-year-old Dartmouth boy is facing another charge.

On Thursday, Halifax Regional Police charged Matthew Lesley Grimm, 18, with failing to stop at the scene of an accident.

David Alexander Julien, 15, was in the back seat of a white Honda Accord when it crashed into a pole on Cranberry Crescent in Dartmouth on Sunday night.

He died at the scene and his funeral is Friday.

Witnesses say the driver and another passenger took off on foot after the accident.

Two 18-year-old men turned themselves in the next day.

The other passenger, Thomas Glen Dixon, 18, was charged on Tuesday with breaching a court order, while Grimm was charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, two counts of breach of an undertaking and one count of breach of proba-

tion. He was also ticketed on Thursday for driving without a licence, registration, insurance or a valid inspection sticker.

At the time, police didn't charge Grimm with failing to remain at the scene because it was believed the charge only applied if the person drove away.

But police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said they laid the charge after further investigation into case law and a consultation with Crown attorneys.

"They felt the charge was applicable in this case where it's alleged the driver fled on foot," Palmeter said.

Grimm was to appear in court for a bail hearing on Thursday but instead was arraigned on the new charge and remanded back to the Burnside jail.

He will be back in a Dartmouth courtroom on May 26 for his bail hearing.



Matthew Lesley Grimm, 18, is escorted from Dartmouth provincial court on Tuesday. Grimm has had a new charge laid against him in the crash that killed 15-year-old David Alexander Julien.

Forces closing Magazine Hill to detonate old projectile

BLAST The Canadian Forces are closing Magazine Hill for an hour Friday morning so they can blow up an "unstable" Second World War-era ordnance.

Mike Bonin, spokesman for Canadian Forces Halifax, said the five-inch projectile found at the ammunition depot in Bedford was a type of ammunition used by ship guns in the war.

"It dates back to when they had the magazine fire in the '40s," Bonin said.

"These items do unfortunately pop up from time to time."

Explosive-ordinance specialists will destroy it Friday at 9:30 a.m. and Magazine Hill will be closed for an hour in both directions from Akerley Boulevard to Dartmouth Road.

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The ferry service that links Newfoundland with Nova Scotia says its commercial reservation policy is under review. Don Barnes, Marine Atlantic's vice-president of customer experience, says the review was planned before the system was implemented in March. They will be consulting with customers as part of the review. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Hearing date set in Dartmouth murder

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Clarence Michael McLeod

TRIAL A 55-year-old Dartmouth man charged with second-degree murder in the death of a woman in October had a date set for a preliminary hearing Thursday.

Clarence Michael McLeod made a brief appearance in Dartmouth provincial court, with the judge setting June 18 as a date for a preliminary hearing.

McLeod is charged in the murder of Roxanne Page, a 49-year-old woman found dead in a Roleika Drive residence in Dartmouth Oct. 17.

Police say a friend of the victim came to check up on her, and that's when she found Page dead, as well as an injured man at the scene.

Police were called and arrested the man and took

him to hospital suffering from what they described as self-inflicted wounds.

The man injured at the scene was McLeod, police allege. He was released in October pending the results of an autopsy on Page, which police say show the death was a homicide.

Police aren't releasing Page's cause of death, but say she knew McLeod, who has multiple criminal convictions and has served time in prison before.

Standing up to fight hunger

FOOD BANK Feed Nova Scotia is recruiting people to literally make a stand against poverty on Hunger Awareness Day.

On June 1, the food bank will hold rallies in Halifax, Bridgewater, Amherst and Sydney to raise awareness for the hungry.

In Halifax, Feed Nova Scotia wants people to line up starting at the entrance to Province House on Hollis Street from 12:30 p.m. Bridgewater already has 500 participants signed up, but Halifax is lagging behind.

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Invest in Canada's shipbuilding industry, MP Stoffer tells feds

SHIPS Sackville-Eastern Shore MP Peter Stoffer is calling on the Harper government to ensure its soon-to-be-released national shipbuilding strategy invests in Canadian-made vessels.

"Let's hope that this new strategy moves Canada's shipbuilding industry forward," Stoffer, the NDP deputy shipbuilding critic, said in a release.

Stoffer is also calling on the Conservative government to make sure the strategy it expected to re-

Speech

- Marilyn More, minister for labour and workforce development, will speak at Province House at 1 p.m.

hind.

Organizers are hoping hundreds of people will line up along Hollis Street, up Prince Street and down Barrington Street to create a visible symbol of the 40,000 Nova Scotians who use food banks each month.

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5 There are five shipyards in Canada, including in Halifax.

lease in the next couple of weeks has support of all industry and labour stakeholders.

"Close to \$40 billion may be spent on new ships in the next 20 years. We must ensure that this money will be used to build vessels in Canada and to bring our regional shipyards up to capacity," Stoffer said in the release.

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'Nobody wants to talk about it'

Province launches sex assault awareness campaign

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Avalon Centre provides counselling as well as legal advice and health assistance to victims.

They're young, vulnerable and, unfortunately, silent.

Victims of sexual assault were on hand during an event at Province House Thursday. Denise Peterson-Rafuse, minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women, read a proclamation from Premier Darrell Dexter recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness month.

Irene Smith, executive director of Avalon Sexual Assault Centre, said it's the first such event at Province House recognizing sexual violence.

"This event at Province House gives people permission to talk about sexual violence that so many people face."

Several agencies are supporting a new "ask" campaign to get people — especially youth — to "ask me if I want to."

The campaign is also aimed at empowering victims to ask about resources available to help them. Cards, bar stamps and posters will be distributed to places where young people socialize over the next few months.

"Nobody wants to talk about it and that's part of the problem," said Peterson-Rafuse.

Sexual assault statistics

- About 88 per cent of sexual assaults in Canada are not reported to police.
- In 65 per cent of cases reported to Halifax Regional Police in 2007, sexual assault victims knew the accused.
- In 2007, 30 per cent of reported sexual assaults in Nova Scotia resulted in a charge being laid, down from 56 per cent in 1993.

"Victims of sexual crimes are some of the most vulnerable and silent people in our society."

Supt. Don Spicer said Halifax Regional Police have a dedicated unit to investigate sexual assault, and half the files they investigate involve children.

RCMP Insp. Joanne Crampton said officers talk to teachers on how to spot victims, as well as educate kids on healthy relationships.

"If we're going to prevent these acts from occur-

ring and hold those responsible accountable, we need to ensure victims are comfortable in coming forward to police," Crampton said.

Anne Macrae, executive director of the provincial Disabled Person's Commission, said disabled women face an even higher risk of sexual assault. Like many sexual assault victims, disabled women know their attacker but since in many cases it's their caretaker, they're less likely to come forward.



Runners cross the Macdonald Bridge during the 2006 Blue Nose Marathon. A record number of runners are expected to participate in this year's event Sunday. More coverage, page 14.

Blue Nose Marathon sets sail this weekend

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have hit 5,957, while 2,431 have signed up for Saturday's youth run.

The organizing committee expects to hit its goal of 9,000 for the first time.

"We're kind of excited," said event co-chair Rod McCulloch. "Every year we've had an increase, but we've always been a little short of where we thought we were going to be. This year, we're a little bit over. The message is getting out. People are having fun."

This year's race route is not much different than last year's. The start/finish line is on Brunswick Street adjacent to the Town

Marathon growth

- 2004 — 3,500
- 2005 — 5,200
- 2006 — 6,300
- 2007 — 7,000
- 2008 — 7,800
- 2009 — 8,073
- 2010 — 8,338 (as of Thursday afternoon)

Clock and the full marathon does a loop in Halifax before crossing over to Dartmouth.

McCulloch said very few adjustments were necessary on the route, which was changed last year because of a slew of night-

marish problems in 2008.

Brunswick Street will be closed downtown for most of the day, while there will be limited access to side streets along the race route. The Macdonald Bridge will be closed Sunday morning.

The weather — which always seems to be touchy on race day — is looking like it will co-operate, with a mix of sun and cloud and a high of 22 C on the long-term forecast.

"The weather's going to be great," McCulloch said. "Everything's under control and we're ready to rock."



Hannah Munday laughs after inflating a personal flotation device at Sackville Landing on Thursday. Munday, and about a dozen others, took part in Ready, Set, Inflate — an event encouraging the use of life jackets and personal flotation devices.

Locals join effort to inflate life jacket stats

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax



About a dozen
Haligonians joined a
North American effort to
create a world record for
the most life jackets inflated
at once on Thursday.

To a cry of, "Ready, set, inflate," members of the Canadian Safe Boating Council, Coast Guard and other organizations triggered a range of personal flotation devices at Sackville Landing in Halifax.

Their numbers were

rounded out by two mascots — a polar bear and a life jacket — and they joined groups across Canada, the United States and Puerto Rico.

Sandra Inglis with Transport Canada said they wanted to remind people of the dangers of boating without a life jacket.

Ten people have died already this year in Atlantic Canada and none wore a life jacket. Inglis said 80 per cent of boating fatalities involve people not wearing life jackets.

Cold shock is a fatal factor at this time of year as

people gasp when they hit the freezing water on a sunny day, suck in a mouthful and drown, regardless of how close they are to shore or how good a swimmer they are.

"It's like if you're in the shower and all of a sudden the water changes to cold and you gasp," Inglis said.

"It's the same reflex when you fall into the water."

Final figures weren't available on Thursday, but organizers said they'd be happy if it encouraged one person to wear a life jacket.

Charges may come in crash

COLLISION Cape Breton Regional Police says charges are pending after a collision between a motorbike and a car Wednesday night.

An officer on patrol in New Waterford tried to stop a motorbike that was being driven on one wheel, but police say the driver sped away.

A short time later, police received a call about an accident involving the same motorbike and a car.

Police say a 25-year-old man was thrown from the motorbike after striking a vehicle that was turning into a parking lot.

The man suffered a broken leg while the driver of the car was not hurt.

Police say charges are pending under the Motor Vehicle Act and it's possible criminal charges will be laid.

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School officials seek culprit in small fire

"They are looking at security cameras and talking with students and teachers."

Carolyn Pierce,
school board rep

pension and a conference with the parent/guardian and student. It could also be referred to the police for further investigation.

Firefighters responded to the school, put out the fire and cleared the smoke. Students were evacuated to the stadium and the school board gymnasium.

The fire was contained mostly to the stairwell and school officials were surveying the damage.

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Police have charged an 87-year-old man in Mount Albert, Ont., with sexual offences dating as far back as 1962. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Majority back more foreign owners: Poll

The Harper government appears to be on safe ground in its stated desire to allow more foreign competition in Canada's telecommunications sector, a new poll suggests.

A Harris-Decima online survey of 1,003 Canadians found that where once many might have feared foreign ownership of the country's key industries, now a majority supports it — even in the sensitive telecommunications sector.

In a survey taken in late April, 63 per cent of respondents supported more

63 The percentage who said they support more global investment in the domestic telecom industry.

global investment in domestic telecommunications.

Only 30 per cent said they feared foreign ownership would inhibit Canadian culture.

The survey suggests people believe Canadian culture is strengthened by opening the communications pipeline to all, rather than restricting access.

An overwhelming 88 per cent said the Internet was good for Canadian artists because it exposed their work to a larger audience.

Only 12 per cent felt the Internet was bad for Canadian culture because it allowed more access to foreign content.

"I think Canadians are saying the Internet and the new digital distribution tools are really going to let a million flowers bloom, including many, many Canadian flowers," said Bruce Anderson, senior consulting associate with Harris-Decima.

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Flashback Sports tycoon punted to Senate



In 2006, David Braley was just a high-powered businessman — seen here shaking hands with quarterback Dave Dickenson in Vancouver. But now Prime Minister Stephen Harper has appointed B.C. Lions owner Braley — the single biggest donor to his 2004 Conservative party leadership campaign — to a \$132,000-a-year Senate seat. Braley also owns the Toronto Argonauts and is known for his many philanthropic contributions.

Prentice rejects report

CLIMATE A report ranks Canada near the bottom of G8 nations when it comes to climate change and the economy, but Environment Minister Jim Prentice is dismissing the results.

The National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy places

Canada sixth among G8 nations in its new low-carbon performance index.

But Prentice says the rankings are flawed, and he'll take it up with the federally appointed think-tank.

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World

Scientists make cell from artificial DNA

In revolutionary research that may end up altering our definition of life, scientists have created the first synthetic cell powered by artificially created DNA.

The achievement caps 15 years of work by a large team of researchers, led by Craig Venter of Human Genome Project fame, who engineered a chromosome and inserted it into a bacterium to create a new living entity.

"This is the first self-replicating species that we've had on the planet whose parent is a computer," Venter told a teleconference presented Thursday by the journal *Science*,

which published the work.

The cell, which contains more than a million DNA base pairs, or genetic letters — a mere speck compared with the six billion in human DNA — was created by writing genetic code on a computer, then combining a cocktail of chemicals to create a chromosome.

"We start with four bottles of chemicals and the digital code in the computer from DNA sequence," said Venter. "This is an important step we think both scientifically and philosophically.

"It certainly changed my views of the definitions of life and how life works."

Geneticist Stephen Scherer, a senior scientist at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, called the research an "impressive technical feat."

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Experts warn of long-term strife in Thailand

BANGKOK As soldiers mopped up pockets of resistance and the government declared it was back in control, fears grew Thursday that the tentative quiet restored to Bangkok after a bloody crackdown on protests may just be a respite from violence and political polarization that could continue for years.

Leaders of the anti-government Red Shirt movement vowed a return as they were taken into custody.

"I think this is a new beginning for the Red Shirts," said Kevin Hewison, a Thailand expert at the University of North Carolina. "It will be a darker and grimmer time of struggle and less-focused activities. By no stretch of the imagination is the movement finished."

The Thai government declared Thursday it had



A fireman surveys the interior of a theatre destroyed by a fire set by arsonists on Thursday in Bangkok.

mostly quelled 10 weeks of violent protests in the capital as buildings smoldered, troops rooted out die-hard holdouts.

Some residents cautiously attempted a return to normal life a day after a military operation cleared the main commercial dis-

trict of thousands of demonstrators, leaving 15 dead and nearly 100 injured.

Troops roamed the city on foot and in Humvees and exchanged gunfire with scattered Red Shirt holdouts.

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BP admits spill worse than previously thought

GULF OF MEXICO BP conceded Thursday that more oil than it estimated is gushing into the Gulf of Mexico as heavy crude washed into Louisiana's wetlands for the first time, feeding worries and uncertainty about the massive monthlong spill.

Mark Proegler, a spokesman for oil giant BP PLC, told The Associated Press that a mile-long tube

Video

- A live video feed of the leak posted online Thursday at the insistence of lawmakers shows what appears to be a large plume of oil and gas still spewing.

inserted into a leaking pipe over the weekend is capturing 210,000 gallons

a day — the total amount the company and the Coast Guard have estimated is gushing into the sea — but some is still escaping. He would not say how much.

Several professors who have watched video of the leak have said they believe the amount spewing out is much higher than official estimates.

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Swinger sentenced to prison

A college professor accused of organizing a swingers club and holding private orgies in China was sentenced to 3½ years in prison, officials said, in a case that touched off national debate about sexual freedom.

Ma Yaohai, 53, was convicted and sentenced on charges of group licentiousness for participating in group sex parties, said an official from the Qinhuai District Court in southeastern Nanjing. The official, who declined to give his name, refused to answer further questions.

Ma, along with 21 other people, was arrested and charged last year — the first time anyone has been charged under a 1997 law in a case that has snagged huge public interest with its titillating details. It also generated debate about sexual freedom in a nation trying to reshape its own modern morality. Ma's attorney Yao Yong'an said his client, who was the only one to plead innocent, plans to appeal the verdict.

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"It's definitely not a fair case. It's not based on the law ... We can understand the reason behind it, but we can't accept it," he said.

Three of the other defendants were acquitted with no penalties because they turned themselves in, the official Xinhua News Agency reported, while the remaining 18 received jail sentences of up to 2½ years.

Ma's defiance seemed to strike a chord in an era of relative sexual freedom, where extramarital affairs and prostitution are common — drawing support from those who believe the Chinese government should stay out of the bedroom.

Girl in 'sexting' case sues school board

PENNSYLVANIA A school district that was at the centre of a highly publicized "sexting" case was sued Thursday by a teenager who claims her principal confiscated her cellphone, found nude images she had taken of herself and turned it over to prosecutors.

The principal of the Tunkhannock Area High School illegally searched the 17-year-old's phone in January 2009, even though she intended the racy photos to be "seen only herself and, perhaps, her long-time boyfriend," according

to the federal lawsuit.

It says the principal gave the phone to George Skumanick Jr., at the time the Wyoming County district attorney, who threatened to file felony child pornography charges against the girl unless she took a class on sexual violence.

The district in rural northeastern Pennsylvania was at the centre of America's first criminal case involving sexting — the practice of sending explicit photos via text message — to reach a federal appeals court.

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News in brief

ART HEIST A thief stole five paintings valued at more than \$100 million, including major works by Picasso and Matisse, in an overnight heist Thursday at a Paris modern art museum with a broken alarm system, officials said. The paintings disappeared early Thursday from the Paris Museum of Modern

Art, across the Seine River from the Eiffel Tower in one of the French capital's most chic and tourist-frequented neighbourhoods. The museum's alarm system had been broken since March 30 in some rooms, Paris Mayor Bertrand Delanoë said in a statement.

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Comment

Leave scandal to process

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Stephen Kimber



The morning after the big semi-reveal — the auditor general had turned over to the RCMP expense claims files on one current and four former MLAs, but he wouldn't say which ones to avoid compromising the criminal investigation — CBC Radio Information Morning's political panel weighed in.

The panelists — veteran freelance journalist Ralph Surrette and former newspaper editor and Tory cabinet minister Jane Purves — both have well-earned journalistic credentials for fighting political corruption. That may be why what struck me most about their comments was their undertone of unease

at the seemingly insatiable media appetite for — and public obsession with — this scandal, to the detriment both of more important issues, and also of

public faith in elected officials.

The reasons for their unease quickly became apparent.

Within hours, Kevin Gaudet,

spokesperson for a self-appointed lynch mob — also sometimes known as the Canadian Taxpayers Federation — was telling a reporter our legislators should forget the niceties of due process, innocent until proven guilty and all that inconsequential stuff, and expel forthwith any member even suspected of finagling or fudging an expense from the legislature.

"Perhaps," he suggested — his tongue unfortunately not in his cheek but his

foot firmly planted in his mouth — "that would raise the bar of integrity."

Indeed. In the same article — hopefully in response to a hypothetical question

from the reporter and as a comment on tactics

rather than

ethics — Acadia University political science Prof.

Ian Stewart

mused on the likelihood that Independent MLA Trevor Zinck is the single still-sitting member of the legislature whose expenses the Mounties are now investigating.

If that's the case, Stewart argued, the other MLAs could easily bounce him from the seat to which he was duly elected as "a cost-free way of attempting to show they are on top of the integrity issue and they're responding to the public's outrage."

Fanning the outrage

flames, Gaudet weighed in with the self-fulfilling suggestion the MLA expenses scandal "fuels speculation by the voting public, taxpayers, that too many politicians are a bunch of crooks and thieves."

I've covered Nova Scotia politics for 40 years. I've met a few crooks and thieves. Most MLAs aren't. But they are human; thanks to lax legislation and less oversight, some found it too easy to confuse private benefit with public interest.

Outrage over the expenses scandal was a wake-up call; this winter's legislative reforms make the system more transparent and less susceptible to expense fiddling. Outrage worked.

But now it's time to let the criminal process work. And move on to other more serious — and expensive — political screwups. P3 schools, anyone.

Stephen Kimber, the Rogers Communications Chair in Journalism at the University of Kings College, is the author of eight books.

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ECONOMY If it's Europe that sneezes, why does Canada still catch a cold?

Canada's economy may be roaring now, but its longer-term prospects are being turned topsy-turvy by a localized credit crisis in Europe, economists say.

The end of month gross domestic product release is widely expected to show Canada enjoying an economic resurgence the rest of the industrialized world only dreams of, with the second consecutive quarter

Wild ride

• The loonie has been living up to its name recently, swooping crazily from just above parity with the U.S. greenback to well below. Its latest move was a 2.12-cent retreat yesterday, taking it down to 93.65 cents US.

of five and five-plus percentage growth.

But markets hardly noticed. The attention was

squarely fixated on Greece and other European problems Thursday as investors saw an increasingly risky future.

The disconnect reminded economists of the Asian financial crisis of a dozen years ago. Commodities fell and the loonie caught a downdraft that took it all the way down to the 62-cent level. But analysts don't believe the Greek crisis and the contagion effect will be as dramatic this time. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Google plans 'smart' TVs

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To reach the long-elusive goal, Google has joined forces with Sony Corp., Intel Corp. and Logitech International. The companies unveiled their much-anticipated plan for a "smart" TV on Thursday.

The TVs are expected to go on sale in the fall. Pric-

ing wasn't announced.

Other companies have tried to turn televisions into Internet gateways with little success. But Google and its partners believe they have developed a system that will make Internet TV simpler and more appealing.

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In contrast, 27 per cent of the respondents said their debt had increased over the past year and 17 per cent saw no change.

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Tigers add trio of forwards

HOCKEY The Dalhousie Tigers men's hockey team has bolstered its lineup with a trio of forwards.

Patrick Daley and Brett Theberge of the Peterborough Petes and Pierre-Alexandre Vandall of the Shawinigan Cataractes have all committed to Dalhousie for the 2010-11 season.

Daley, with 73 points in 64 games, and Vandall,



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with 75 points in 55 games, led their respective teams in scoring, while Theberge had 37 points in 44 games in an injury-shortened campaign.

The Tigers have missed the Atlantic University Sport playoffs for six straight years since winning national bronze in 2004.

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Sports in brief

NBA Mark Cuban is no stranger to bold statements, and the Dallas Mavericks owner has expressed his interest in acquiring soon-to-be free agent LeBron James. The outspoken billionaire, in an interview this week with CNNMoney.com, said "anybody" would be interested in James.

NFL Washington Redskins coach Mike Shanahan is taking a "wait-and-see" approach to reports receiver Santana Moss is linked to a Toronto doctor charged with smuggling and supplying human growth hormone. Shanahan said Thursday he will speak to Moss "at the right time" about

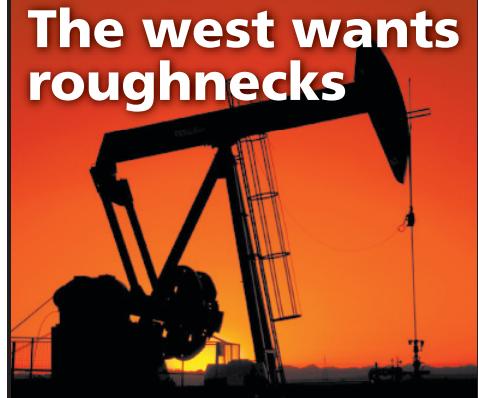
the matter.

NBA A person familiar with the decision says the Philadelphia 76ers have agreed to terms with TNT analyst Doug Collins to become their new coach. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the announcement has not been made public.

UFC The UFC is coming to Toronto next week to make what it bills as a "major announcement in Canada." Co-owner Lorenzo Fertitta and president Dana White will be at Tuesday's news conference at the Rogers Centre.

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Stamps sign McCartney

The Calgary Stampeders have signed Saint Mary's Huskies linebacker Karl McCartney, left. McCartney, a former conference all-star taken in the fifth round (37th overall) in the CFL draft earlier this month, averaged 3.5 sacks and 11 tackles in seven games last season.

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Campbell's crazy for a cause

Runner trying to raise money for children's facility

MATTHEW WUEST
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Call Mark Campbell crazy. You won't be the first — or the last.

How crazy? Crazy like a guy who's planning to run a 276-kilometre stretch along the Cabot Trail — almost seven full marathons combined — in 36 hours without stopping next week.

Hard kilometres, too: Starting at the Gaelic College in Englishtown, up and down the steep mountains of Cape Breton Highlands National Park, all the way to Baddeck.

You can watch him train for it Saturday at the Blue Nose Marathon expo, where he'll spend 12 straight hours on a treadmill, and again Sunday, when he runs the 42.2-kilometre full marathon in Halifax and Dartmouth.

"There's the obvious reaction: 'You're nuts,'" Campbell concedes.

But that's the reaction Campbell figures he needs to raise money for Brigadoon Children's Camp, a recreation facility for kids with chronic illnesses being built near Kentville. He hopes the enormity of his undertaking will be met with generosity of equal proportion.

"You need something that can grab people and



Mark Campbell grabs a drink at the finish line following the Blue Nose Marathon in 2006.

make them say, 'What inspired this guy to do this?'" Campbell explains. "That's what pushed me."

The 42-year-old has done some jaw-dropping things before.

He has volunteered for the Blue Nose for years, staying up all night to put up signs along the race route, only to run the full marathon on no sleep the next day.

He's done more than his

share of Ironman triathlons and has seen every stretch of the Cabot Trail via an annual relay, even splitting the scenic route with Jody Isenor last year.

But doing it solo, with the exception of a support vehicle alongside him, is the most drastic thing he has ever attempted.

He is nervous about his "body holding together," but figures any pain he in-

curse will be for the gain of sick kids for years to come.

"My epiphany was when I realized how everything comes easily to me," he says. "Here I am, out playing sports and doing all these fun things, and these kids get a really nasty diagnosis and don't get their chance to play. I just thought, 'What can I do to help?'"

He'd be crazy not to.

After planned preparation, MacLennan ready to go

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RUNNING David MacLennan's participation in last year's Blue Nose Marathon was a last-minute decision. It was a good thing he didn't skip it because he was crowned champion for a fourth time and posted a near record result.

"I just had a feeling," said MacLennan, who signed up the week of the race. "I didn't really plan on doing it but I just felt I was in fairly good shape... And the result pretty much says it all."

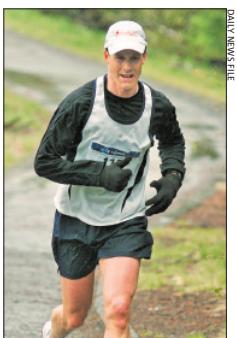
This time around, the 46-year-old Scotburn, Pic-

tou Co., native has been planning to race in the Blue Nose for months.

If a last-minute signup earned him a time of 2:36:05.9, less than a minute off the record pace he set at the inaugural Blue Nose in 2004 at the age of 40, will planned participation get him a new record Sunday?

"I'm not gonna say that, good golly," MacLennan said with a laugh. "I think I'm in good shape but you never know. It depends on the weather on race day. So many things in a marathon can come back and get you."

He expects a tough test from Kevin Tulloch, a 2:40



David MacLennan during the 2007 Blue Nose Marathon.

casionally but has never run the Blue Nose. Scott Clarke, a perennial top-five finisher from Summerside, P.E.I., will be another contender.

MacLennan, who is also a seven-time champion of New Glasgow's Johnny Miles Marathon, said he had "a good spring and I feel pretty good."

He typically sets a modest goal at the start of every 42.2-kilometre undertaking, and it won't be any different Sunday at 9 a.m. under the Town Clock.

"Any time I'm around 2:40, I'm happy," he said. "If it's better than that, fine."

marathoner who currently lives in New Glasgow and trains with MacLennan oc-

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Favre hints at return

Brett Favre says he still isn't sure what he's doing next season, but he may have given some indication after visiting with the Southern Miss baseball team. The Minnesota Vikings quarterback told the Golden Eagles on Thursday that if they can make it back to the College World Series, he will return for one more season in the NFL. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Habs smash shutout streak

(Flyers lead series 2-1)

Flyers 1 Canadiens 5



Michael Cammalleri and Tom Pyatt scored in the first period to end Michael Leighton's two-game shutout string as the Montreal Canadiens defeated the Flyers 5-1 in NHL Eastern Conference final action Thursday night.

Montreal's third line shone as Pyatt and Dominic Moore both scored and Maxim Lapierre had an assist, and the Canadiens served notice they won't fade away meekly after series-opening losses of 6-0 and 3-0 in Philadelphia.

Brian Gionta and Marc-Andre Bergeron also scored as the Canadiens ended the Flyers' six-game winning streak and handed Leighton his first loss in five post-season starts.

Simon Gagne broke Jaroslav Halak's shutout bid in the third period with his



Montreal Canadiens Tomas Plekanec celebrates his teammate Mike Cammalleri's first goal on Philadelphia Flyers goalie Michael Leighton on Thursday in Montreal. The Canadiens won 5-1.

seventh goal in as many games since returning from a toe injury. Montreal outshot Philadelphia 38-26.

The Flyers lead the best-of-seven series 2-1 with Game 4 set for Saturday af-

ternoon at the Bell Centre. Leighton saw his shutout run end when Cammalleri scored his 13th of the playoffs at 7:05 of the first period.

"It was nice to get one,"

Cammalleri said. "We just tried to get the puck past their defence and go to the net and the puck jumped out to me."

His shutout streak covered 172:55, second-longest

in Flyers history behind Brian Boucher's 184:45 in 2000. He had stopped 74 consecutive shots dating to a Milan Lucic goal in the first period of Game 7 of the last round against Boston.

Halak made sharp saves early and then had little work as the Canadiens used their speed to outhustle the dazed-looking Flyers, who committed numerous turnovers and spent much of the game standing around watching.

"Turnovers in any sport will kill you," Flyers coach Peter Laviolette said. "We've got to do a better job of fighting for the puck and keeping the puck."

For a third straight game, Montreal held a wide shot advantage in the first period (17-9), only this time, they scored twice.

P.K. Subban, who had three assists, drilled a shot off the end boards that Cammalleri banked in off Leighton for the Canadiens first goal of the series, and Cammalleri's 13th of the playoffs

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Armstrong denies doping allegations

CYCLING Disgraced U.S. cyclist Floyd Landis revealed new cheating allegations in a series of messages to sponsors and officials, alleging that former teammate Lance Armstrong not only joined him in doping but taught others how to beat the system and paid an official to keep a failed test quiet.

With international cycling season in full swing, Landis admitted for the first time what had long been suspected — he was guilty of doping for several years before being stripped of his 2006 Tour de France title.

His fresh accusations, contained in e-mails sent last month, prompted Armstrong to hold an impromptu press conference Thursday at the Tour of California.

"If you said, 'Give me one word to sum this all up,' credibility," the seven-time Tour de France winner said. "Floyd lost his credibility a long time ago."

"We have nothing to hide. We have nothing to run from," said Armstrong, who later quit the race to go to a hospital for X-rays after crashing. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Argentina coach Diego Maradona said he's sorry for driving over the foot of a cameraman at the team's training ground on the outskirts of Buenos Aires. A day after the incident, Maradona explained Thursday that as he neared the entrance to the gated complex, his Mini was surrounded by photographers. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

IIHF says sorry

Boss calls Crosby's agent with apology

The president of the International Ice Hockey Federation has called Sidney Crosby's agent to apologize for the Olympic hero's inclusion in an IIHF story that criticized players who decline to take part in the world hockey championship.

Rene Fasel spoke with agent Pat Brisson of CAA Sports one day after the IIHF posted a story titled "Saying No to Your Country" on its website. The story, written by IIHF communications director Szymon Szemberg, said players who chose not to participate were turning "their backs not only on the team and its fans but also to the system which developed them and made them rich and famous."

It named Crosby and other players directly.

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"I sincerely believe that Rene Fasel was sorry for the inappropriate comments made towards Sidney and the other players." Pat Brisson, Sidney Crosby's agent

ments made towards Sidney and the other players," Brisson told The Canadian Press.

Hockey Canada president Bob Nicholson discussed the issue with Fasel on Thursday, calling it a "very positive meeting."

He said Fasel apologized for "the tone" of the article and the way it referred to Crosby.

Nicholson also spoke to NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, who was among those irked by the tone of the story.

"We thought the IIHF comments were inappropriate and showed a lack of respect for our game and our players," Bettman said in a statement.

Nicholson was also offended.

"We're proud of who is putting on our jersey. ... We're really proud of what we've done over the last number of years at world championships."

On Wednesday, Szemberg told The Canadian Press that both Fasel and general secretary Horst Lichner knew about the article before it was published. As of Thursday, it remained active on the website.

Nicholson praised Crosby for his commitment to the national team and indicated that he never expected the star forward to make the trip to Germany.

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Canadian and Russian players scrum in front of the goal during third period action Thursday at the IIHF world hockey championship in Cologne Germany. Canada lost the game 5-2.

Russia knocks Canada out of contention

IIHF

Russia 5 Canada 2

The semifinals

- Philip Gogulla scored midway through the second period to lead the Germans to a 1-0 win over Switzerland in a quarter-final contest Thursday.
- With the win, Germany faces Russia in the semifinals.
- The other semifinal contest Saturday will pit Sweden against the Czech Republic.

HOCKEY A forgettable IIHF World Hockey Championship for Canada ended with a crushing 5-2 quarter-final loss to Russia Thursday.

It's the third straight year Russia ended Canada's gold-medal hopes at the tournament and this loss came a long way from the final. A young Canadian squad dropped four of its final five games and failed to get past the quarter-finals for the first time since 2002.

"You want to win and it's disappointing when you don't," said forward Steven Stamkos.

"It's a bitter taste."

The Canadians entered as heavy underdogs to a powerhouse Russian team that featured 14 players who competed at the Vancouver Olympics. Corey Perry was the lone gold-medal winner from those Games to make the trip to Germany for Canada.

Evgeni Malkin, with two, Maxim Afinogenov, Pavel Datsyuk and Sergei Fedorov — all Olympians — scored

goals for Russia (7-0), which extended its world championship winning streak to 26 games.

John Tavares and Matt Duchene replied for Canada (3-4).

Despite the gap in skill and experience, the hard-fought game wasn't as lopsided as the score suggested. "I don't think it was an easy game for anybody," said Fedorov.

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Carrie and the girls are back, still best friends, and taking on the Middle East in *Sex and the City 2*.

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Movies

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★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★★ GOOD; ★★ FAIR; ★ POOR

The girls are back and loving it

Jessica Parker weighs in on joys of best friends forever

TINA CHADHA
Metro World News**On the web**

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It often takes a vacation to gain a little perspective on everyday problems.

And for Carrie Bradshaw — who hightails it out of town with her three best friends in *Sex and the City 2* for an ultra luxe getaway to Abu Dhabi — the time away is spent reflecting on her recent nuptials to Mr. Big.

"There was a wedding, and now there has to be a marriage," explains Sarah Jessica Parker, who portrays the iconic fashionista.

The actress (in Elie Saab Couture), along with castmates Kim Cattrall, Kristin

Davis, and Cynthia Nixon, is perched between glittery Louboutins and Manolo Blahniks in the shoe salon of Bergdorf Goodman for the film's press conference.

"Where Carrie finds herself at the top of the movie is starting, as she typically does, to ask herself about the environment in which she currently lives. Those questions and the theme of the

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movie for all of us, is tradition. Why do we run toward it? Why do we push it away, and why, when we so willingly want to commit to the institu-

tion of marriage, do we find ourselves squirming and asking questions? How do we define tradition for ourselves?" wonders the actress aloud.

And then, she adds with

a smile, "What better place to ask these questions than the Middle East?"

Though vacations with girlfriends can also mean nasty fights (have you been following *The Real House-*

Movie feature

wives of New York?), Parker says that the bond these characters share, in addition to being the hallmark of the blockbuster, is what she finds most powerful.

"In an era where women are really unkind to one and other, and call each other horrible names, and there's vernacular that our ears have adapted to, which I find really objectionable, I really really love how these women love each other. How decent and honorable they are to one another," she says.

"I love that they were never made to be friends. Their DNA is so radically different from one to the next, and they have found this incomparable friendship that is truly inspiring to me, and it changes the way I think about my friendships constantly."

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The Cullen clan returning

The entire Cullen clan has signed up for the last *Twilight* adaptation, *Breaking Dawn*. Yes, Peter Facinelli, Elizabeth Reaser, Nikki Reed, Kellan Lutz, Jackson Rathbone and Ashley Greene will all return for more bad hair days in the fourth story. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Shrek has last laugh

Shrek Forever After

Director: Mike Mitchell
Stars: Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz,
Classification: PG
Rating: 

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Whether that new title is a promise or a simple marketing ploy, the fourth Shrek film at least does a good job of putting a positive punctuation mark on a series that's seen a rapid decline in quality over the course of the previous three installments.

The latest — and supposedly last — makes a valiant effort of recapturing the tone and spirit of the original *Shrek*, with more wise-acre takes on fairy tale tropes and fewer obnoxious pop culture references.

Tossing on a loose-fitting It's a *Wonderful Life* coat, the film picks up with Shrek (Mike Myers), Fiona (Cameron Diaz) and company enjoying their "happily ever after," although the ogre himself isn't so happy, longing for the days where villagers ran from him in fear instead of gawking from tour buses.

He signs a foolish deal with Rumpelstiltskin (voiced by DreamWorks story head Walt Dohrn), a pint-sized power-mad ginger who at one point had the keys to the kingdom in his grasp before Shrek went and ruined his plans by rescuing Fiona.

Shrek is then plunged into a world where Rumpelstiltskin is king, he's still a swamp-dwelling menace and none of his friends know him. The setup and plot are familiar and predictable, but one thing the



Rumpelstiltskin has a showdown with everyone's favourite ogre in *Shrek Forever After*.

Shrek team does well — when they're firing on all cylinders — is make the familiar and predictable fun and exciting nonetheless.

The animation is of course pristine, with some particularly thrilling battle

and chase sequences tossed in.

While Shrek frets through his existential crisis, the supporting cast provides some of the best laughs, as usual, with some new voices (Jon

Hamm and Jane Lynch as members of the ogre resistance) along with the old. Eddie Murphy's Donkey and Antonio Banderas' Puss in Boots wage a fierce battle over who gets to the steal the show, but Ban-

deras has the obvious edge, what with the Puss in Boots movie in development next.

• For a trailer of *Shrek Forever After*, photos and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies



Barbara Mori and Hrithik Roshan star in *Kites*.

Kites brings wild excess of Bollywood

Kites

Director: Anurag Basu
Stars: Hrithik Roshan, Barbara Mori
Classification: STC
Rating: 

ADAM NAYMAN
Metro Canada

REVIEW *Kites* has been conceived and executed as a hybrid of the world's two largest industrial cinemas, filtering over-amped Bollywood melodrama through glossy Hollywood aesthetics.

And if that's not high-concept enough for you, the epically scaled film has also been "remixed" by producer Brett Ratner into a 90-minute version for the short-attention span crowd.

Certainly, the 130-minute cut of *Kites* could stand some trimming, but part of the film's charm is bound up in its

wild excess.

The opening scenes glide along on the larger-than-life charm of star Hrithik Roshan as Jay, a Hindi hustler waylaid in Las Vegas whose cash-for-marriage scam gets complicated twice over.

Problem No. 1: He falls in love with the gorgeous Spanish girl (Barbara Mori) who is paying him to get a green card; Problem No. 2: When he pursues her, he discovers she's engaged to be married to the son of a local crime boss, whose daughter has her own designs on him.

It's an amusingly humid quadrangle, but eventually, the film settles into a standard chase-movie mode, with Roshan and Mori recast as the post-globalization equivalents of Bonnie and Clyde, fleeing (with the top down) across the dustier parts of the United States.

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Megan Fox, who made her name as Shia LaBeouf's love interest in the first two Transformers movies, has been dropped from the third. No further details were given about who would replace the 24-year-old actress. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Movies

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SNL sketch strikes gold

MacGruber

Director: Jorma Taccone
Stars: Will Forte, Kristen Wiig, Ryan Phillippe
Classification: 18A
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
 for Metro Canada

In general Saturday Night Live movies aren't very good.

Sure, there are exceptions like The Blues Brothers, but for the most part the sketch-to-screen adaptations go a little bit more like Coneheads.

It's been a decade since Lorne Michaels last ushered one of his popular sketches into movie theaters and fortunately it's been worth the wait. MacGruber may have started as a 90-second joke, but now it's a fully realized and gleefully offensive spoof/homage of delightfully dumb action movies. There are no grating catch-phrases, distracting come-



Ryan Phillippe, left, and Will Forte star in MacGruber.

dian cameos, or Xeroxed TV gags here. Had the original SNL sketches not existed, MacGruber could stand on its own as a damn entertaining comedy.

If you're not familiar with Will Forte's MacGruber, he's a special agent in the DIY MacGyver mold. Of course, he's not very good and tends to blow things up. In the film he's given a nemesis who is one type a way from being unfit to print, Dieter Von Cunth (Val

Kilmer). The movie opens with Cunth stealing a missile and soon MacGruber comes out of retirement to stop him alongside a potential love interest (Kristen Wiig) and a young military hotshot (Ryan Phillippe).

It's a plot you've seen many times before, but exaggerated just enough to be hilarious.

Of course, this isn't just some film school satire. It's also filled with enough pot-tastic mouth language, bath-

room humor, and filthy sight gags to be a solid R-rated comedy. Sure, it doesn't demand much brainpower, but sometimes dumb laughs are enough.

MacGruber shouldn't have been this good. Hopefully it won't be unfairly dismissed as a lazy SNL re-tread, because it's unlikely that a funnier flick will be released this summer.

- For a MacGruber trailer, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies

The kids are all right

Babies

Director: Thomas Balmes
Classification: G
Rating:

IAN GORMELY
 for Metro Canada

REVIEW Babies is a classic example of a film that says more by doing less. Of course, just what it says is up for debate.

French director Thomas Balmes uses a deceptively simple concept, filming four babies in four different countries to explore the different ways we raise children across the world, from birth to first steps. There's no narration, interviews, inter or subtitles. Just 79 minutes of babies sleeping, crying, crawling, walking, pooping and, in one case, escaping the machinations of a curious goat.

Even the parents are shot mostly from the neck down, their dialogue muffled by ambient sound in Balmes's Charlie Brown

world.

But putting the focus firmly on the kids ensures that nothing is sugarcoated or glossed over and the long shots don't cut away when the baby starts to bawl. You're right there with mom and dad, just wishing that the thing would shut up.

Balmes says that he has no agenda; he's not saying there's any one way to rear kids. But the two extremes in environment and culture his cast of titular characters are raised in — San Francisco and Tokyo, on one side, and tiny villages in Namibia and Mongolia on the other — reveals that he's got some serious reservations about the over-scheduled, over-stimulated way of raise or children.

But the lack of narration allows viewers to take what they want from this film.

Two hours of cute babies? You got it. Or, if you'd rather, a political treatise on the divergent values of the First and developing worlds.

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Music

Band of Horses retreat

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

If you've ever wondered where Band of Horses' laid back twangy sound comes from, here's your answer — a cottage near Bob Dylan's boyhood home.

Ben Bridwell, the band's lead singer, recorded the group's latest disc, *Infinite Arms*, near Hibbing, Minn. — less than two hours from the Ontario border. He didn't pick that place to channel Dylan, though, he just

wanted to be alone. "I need to know that people can't hear me," he says. "It's embarrassing when I'm screaming my balls off."

That's not the only secluded spot Bridwell has written in — "I've done it in a cabin on a lake, a caboose on an ocean and a cabin in the mountains," he says.

Wherever he writes it seems to be working. The group shot to indie fame in 2007 with the stunning disc *Cease To Begin* and the new one picks up where that one left off.

For the most part, *Infinite Arms* sounds a lot like past efforts. Bridwell's smooth, high-pitched vocals, rich Beach Boys-ish harmonies and folk pop sensibility permeates much of the disc.

"I'm limited in my musical ability," he says. "I started this game late, so it's not hard for me to sound like me."

But there are differences. There's more country twang, the rock songs are louder, and each track is more polished. That

could have something to do with the band's new players. The group has grown from a trio to a five-piece over the last couple of years.

"These guys are bringing stuff to table I wouldn't write," says Bridwell.

It's not just the songwriters that are new, however. For the first time, the band financed and produced this record themselves. Going the DIY route gave the band more freedom. It also allowed them to sell their disc to the highest bidder, which turned out to be Fat



After shooting to fame with 2007's album, *Cease To Begin*, indie act Band of Horses is back with a new release, *Infinite Arms*.

Possum records, a subsidiary of major label Sony Music. "There was really no doubt in my mind," he says. "People have been knocking at the door for a while so I had a good feeling we'd get paid back."

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Alan Cross

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ast week I dipped into my mail bag to mark hitting the 100 column milestone for Metro. Well, the questions keep coming.

Q Is it true that Bubbles from the Trailer Park Boys used to be in a band? — John, Calgary

A He was in a Pictou, N.S., band called Sandbox, which released a pretty good record called *Bionic* in 1996. Propelled by a single called *Curious*, the album won three East Coast Music Awards and was nominated for a Juno before breaking up.

Q What's that spoken word song (done in a Cockney accent) from the '70s about the glories of making toast? — Owen, Toronto

A In 1978, a group called Street Band recorded a single

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Jesse James plans to give his first TV interview since his breakup with Sandra Bullock on *Nightline*, ABC announced. James will discuss his past, his time in rehab and why he cheated on Bullock in an interview slated to air Tuesday. TVGUIDE.COM

Jesse James comes out of hiding

Television

Bachelorette wants to focus on love

Ali Fedotowsky ditched The Bachelor last season for her job.

The smiley former Facebook advertising account manager now has a new gig as The Bachelorette. Fedotowsky is the latest leading lady in a long line of single men and women — 20, to be exact — select-

ed to sift through a stack of suitors in hopes of finding the perfect match on the interconnected, long-running ABC reality dating franchise. Fedotowsky previously chose her career over Jake Pavelka, who was dumped by Jillian Har-

ris on the fifth edition of The Bachelorette.

In a recent interview, the 25-year-old Clark University graduate reminisced about Pavelka, discussed her most athletic suitors and recalled when a boyfriend cheated on her — while she was sleeping.

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Q Why did you want to do The Bachelorette after what happened last season with Jake?

A My decision to choose my job over Jake last season was really hard. I think it worked out for the best because he is now in love and has his relationship, and he's engaged and happy, and I'm happy, and that's really all that matters. This time, I decided I wanted to do what's best for me, and that's putting love first.

Q Have you seen or

spoken with Jake since the show? Do you still have feelings for him?

A I haven't seen Jake since the show. I wanted to watch him on *Dancing With the Stars*, because I heard he's really great. I don't have those kind of feelings. I will always care for him as a friend. He's a great guy and a great person, but I've definitely moved on.

Q How do you feel about infidelity? Have you ever had a boyfriend cheat on you?

A I've had a boyfriend cheat on me — in a bad way — while I was sleeping in another room. It was in another room of my house. It's wrong. It's unforgivable. Do I necessarily think once a cheater always a cheater? No, I don't think that, but I think once you've done it once in a relationship, it's very hard to recover in that relationship.

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Ali Fedotowsky is no stranger to the Bachelor/Bachelorette reality TV series but this time around she'll be doing the choosing.

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prime time 5/21/10	31	31	31	ABC	News Center	World News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Wife Swap (N)	Primetime: What Would You	20/20	
	7	7	7	ASN	Road to Avonlea	Degrassi: TNG	TMZ (N)	Wife Swap (N)	America's Next Top Model	Miami Medical		
	11	11	11	CBC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ron James: Back Home	CBC News: the fifth estate	CBC News: The National	The Hour (N)		
	32	32	32	CBS	WBZ News (N)	Evening News	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Medium (N)	Miami Medical	
	6	6	6	CIHF	Entertainment	ET Canada	NUMB3RS	Friday Night Lights (N)	Kitchen Nightmares (N)	News Final (N)		
	9	9	9	CJCH	etalk	Access H.	Medium (N)	Ghost Whisperer (N)	The Bridge (N) (DVS)	CTV News		
	36	36	36	FOX	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	House (HDTV PA)	Kitchen Nightmares (N)	Fox First	
	12	12	12	NBC	News	Nightly News	Access H.	Extra (N)	Friday Night Lights (N)	Dateline NBC (HDTV)		
	55	55	55	SCOR	Red Heat	Covers	Poker Canada Cup.		WWE SmackDown!		Wrestling	
	53	53	53	TSN	On the Record	SportsCentre	That's Hockey! Pre-Game		NHL Hockey San Jose Sharks at Chicago Blackhawks. (HDTV) (Live)			
sports	16	16	16	A&E	CS! Miami (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds "Lucky"	Criminal		
	70	70	70	APTN	APTN National News (N)	Fish Out of Blessings	Cashing In	Rabbit Fall	Rules of Engagement ** (2000, Drama)			
	37	37	37	BRVO	Emily of New Moon	Spectacle: Elvis	Bravo!FACT	Camera	White Collar	Dexter		
	49	49	49	COM	Just for Laughs	Air Force	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Comedy Now	
	18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wol Blitz	John King, USA (N)		Campbell Brown (N)	Larry King Live (N)	Cooper 360		
	38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Biggest Planet (N)	Dirty Jobs	Canada's Worst Handyman	Egypt Unwrap		
	34	48	48	HGTV	Extreme Makeover: Home	House	For Rent	House	Relocation: Phil Down Under	House		
	46	46	46	HIST	Ultimate Engineering	Ax Men (HDTV)	Nostradamus Effect		Blow ** (2001, Drama) Johnny Depp.			
	17	17	17	MM	Buffy the Vampire Slayer	Styl'd			XXX ** (2002, Action) Vin Diesel.			
	206	206	206	PIX	(6:30) Analyze That	(8:15) Betrayed (2003, Suspense)			Changing Lanes (2002, Suspense)			
	39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Relic Hunter	Odyssey and the Isle of the Mists (2008, Fantasy)		Kenny vs.		
	40	40	40	SLICE	Til Debt-Part	Wedding SOS	Rich Bride Poor Bride	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Spoiled	
	21	21	21	TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings (HDTV)	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Weddings	
	22	22	22	W	House-Sell	House-Sell	Supernanny	How to Look Good Naked	My Super Ex-Girlfriend ** (2006)			
	27	27	27	YTV	iCarly	To Be Indie	Spectacular! (2009, Drama) Nolan Gerard Funk.		Things I Hate	Survive This	To Be Indie	

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prime time 5/22/10	31	31	31	ABC	News Center	World News	Inside Edition	At the Movies	Lost "Pilot" (HDTV)	Castle		
	7	7	7	ASN	Road to Avonlea	My Messy Life (DVS)	Like Mother, Like Daughter (2007, Suspense)	(DVS)	René Lévesque II (2009, Biography)	Emmanuel Bilodeau. (DVS)		
	11	11	11	CBC	National	Marketplace	The Nature of Things		48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours.		
	32	32	32	CBS	WBZ News (N)	Evening News	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy!	Jane Show	G-Spot	News Final (N)	
	6	6	6	CIHF	16:9-Picture	renegade	The Party Never Stops (2007, Drama)	Sara Paxton.	Law & Order (HDTV)	CTV News	Fox First	
	9	9	9	CJCH	W5 (DVS)	Law & Order: SVU	MLB Baseball	New York Yankees at New York Mets. (HDTV) (Live)	Law & Order (HDTV)			
	36	36	36	FOX	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Access Hollywood (N)	Parenthood (HDTV)	Law & Order (HDTV)			
	12	12	12	NBC	News	Nightly News	Access Hollywood (N)	Parenthood (HDTV)	Law & Order (HDTV)			
	55	55	55	SCOR	MMA Show	Score Today	WWE Vintage Collection	Score Rewind	Cabby Unlimit	Law & Order		
	53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre	Boxing	North American Poker Tour	NBA Basketball				
sports	16	16	16	A&E	CS! Miami (HDTV)	CS! Miami (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal		
	70	70	70	APTN	Tears	The Mix	MTV	Rez Tunez	Aboriginal Day	Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Awards		
	37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Museum Maestros	Star Portraits	Books-Film	The Cider House Rules (1999, Drama)		
	49	49	49	COM	Comedy Now	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	Hiccups	Dan for Mayor	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Drew Hastings
	18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wol Blitz	Newsroom	Campbell Brown	Dan for Mayor	Larry King Live (N)	Newsroom		
	38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Canada's Worst Handyman	Deadliest Catch	Destroyed		
	34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes	Buy Me	Agent-Agent	Property	Outdoor Room	Sahara ** (2005, Adventure)		
	46	46	46	HIST	Storm Planets (HDTV)	Nostradamus Effect	Cities of the Underworld		Muchmusic Countdown			
	17	17	17	MM	Secret Life of American Teen	XXX ** (2002, Action) Vin Diesel, Asia Argento.			Black Hawk Down *** (2001, War)			
	206	206	206	PIX	(6:05) Air Force One	(8:10) The Terminator (1984, Science Fiction)						
	39	39	39	SHOW	Howie Do It	About a Girl	ReGenesis (HDTV)	Disaster Zone: Volcano in New York (2006, Action)		Layer Cake		
	40	40	40	SLICE	Til Debt-Part	Housewives/NYC	Housewives/NYC			Matchmaker		
	21	21	21	TLC	Dateline: Real Life Mysteries	Dateline: Real Life Mysteries	Dateline: Real Life Mysteries		Disappeared (HDTV)	Disappeared		
	22	22	22	W	Wedding Date	Catch and Release ** (2007, Comedy-Drama) Jennifer Garner.			P.S. I Love You ** (2007, Romance)			
	27	27	27	YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Funniest Home Videos	That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This

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prime time 5/23/10	31	31	31	ABC	News Center	World News	Lost (HDTV) Reviewing the events of the series. (N)		Lost "The End" (N)			
	7	7	7	ASN	Road to Avonlea	TMZ (N)	ACM Presents: Brooks & Dunn	The Last Rodeo (N)		Law & Order		
	11	11	11	CBC	Geologic Journey	Céline (2008, Biography)	Christine Ghawi.		CBC News: The National	fifth estate		
	32	32	32	CBS	Evening News	WBZ News (N)	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	ACM Presents: Brooks & Dunn	The Last Rodeo (N)	CSI		
	6	6	6	CIHF	Global Nat	16:9-Picture	Family Guy (N)	The Simpsons	Cleveland	The Celebrity Apprentice		
	9	9	9	CJCH	Miami Medical	Lost (HDTV) Reviewing the events of the series. (N)		Lost "The End" (N)				
	36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case	Til Death (N)	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy (N)	Fox First		
	12	12	12	NBC	News	Nightly News	Dateline NBC (HDTV)	Minute to Win It (N)	The Celebrity Apprentice			
	55	55	55	SCOR	Fight Camp 360	The WWE Experience	MMA Fight Night		Score Rewind	Score Now		
	53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre	That's Hockey! Playoff	NBA	NBA Basketball	Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix Suns.			
sports	16	16	16	A&E	Hoarders (HDTV)	Hoarders (HDTV)	Hoarders (HDTV)		Hoarders (HDTV)			
	70	70	70	APTN	Mighty River	Down2Earth	Canadian Geographic	Call of the Wild "Survival"	We Shall Remain "Geronimo"			
	37	37	37	BRVO	Museum Maestros	Art & Minds	Bravo!FACT	Spectacle: Elvis	The Interpreter (2005, Suspense)			
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Laughs	Hiccups	Dan for Mayor	Comedy Now (DVS)			
	18	18	18	CNN	Newsroom		Newsroom	State of the Union	Larry King Live (N)	Newsroom		
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	46	46	46	HIST	Aftersmath (HDTV)	Nostradamus: 2012 (HDTV)	Predictions of cataclysm.	Deep Impact ** (1998, Drama)				
	17	17	17	MM	Secret Life of American Teen	Secret Life of American Teen	Degrassi: TNG	Styl'd		Video on Trial	Video on Trial	
	206	206	206	PIX	HappyGill	(7:20) Terminator: 2 Judgment Day *** (1993, Science Fiction)			Monster's Ball *** (2001, Drama)			
	39	39	39	SHOW	(5) Sahara	Kink in Hair	Pure Pwnage	Trailer Park	Summer House (2008, Suspense)	Lindsay Price.	Casino Royale	
	40	40	40	SLICE	Buy Me	Buy Me	The Big Flip	Marriage	Rich Bride Poor Bride	Wedding SOS	Wedding SOS	Shear Genius
	21	21	21	TLC	Untitled Stories of the E.R.	Half-Ton Dad (HDTV)			Half-Ton Mom (HDTV)	The World's Fattest Man (N)	Half Body	
	22	22	22	W	(5) P.S. I Love You (2007)	Supernanny	Come Dine With Me			Human Trafficking (2005, Crime Drama)		
	27	27	27	YTV	Kicking & Screaming ** (2005, Comedy) Will Ferrell.	League-Evil	Family Biz	Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This		



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O'Connell plays a lawyer on TV. But he says he plans to get his degree.

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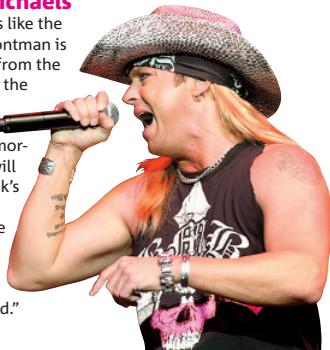
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Final season of Smallville

The fate of Smallville has finally been decided: Its 10th season will be its last. The long-running superhero series will come to a close following its upcoming season this fall, the CW said Wednesday. TVGUIDE.COM

Going Out**Metro's 7th Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now**1****Bret Michaels**

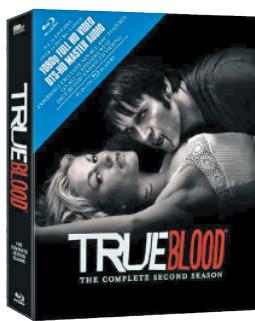
TV It looks like the Poison frontman is set to go from the emergency room to the boardroom. Michaels, who suffered a brain hemorrhage last month, will appear on next week's live finale of *The Celebrity Apprentice* — and there is a good chance Donald Trump may announce "You're hired."

**2****Balmshell Lip Gloss**

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3**True Blood Season 2**

DVD It will be a fang-tastical day on Tuesday when the second season of the hit HBO show debuts on DVD. Season Two is currently airing on Space, but that's no reason to avoid buying the box set and skipping ahead to find out the fate of Sookie Stackhouse and the rest of the residents of Bon Temps.

**4****iPhone Remotes**

TECH Is there anything an iPhone can't do? Apparently not. With a handy pug-in accessory you can now turn your favourite gizmo into a universal remote, allowing you to surf channels with a single touch. i5remote.com

**5****Stratford, Ont.**

TRAVEL Looks like Stratford, Ont., is the place for parents and their kids this summer. While mom and dad take in the annual theatre festival, their tweens can head out on a Justin Bieber-inspired tour of the town. See where he went to school, where he performed, and the Subway he liked to hang at. Visit welcometostratford.com/justin.

6**Xavier Dolan**

FILM The Quebec filmmaker kept his title of Canada's golden boy of cinema, receiving positive reactions this week at Cannes for his sophomore film, *Heartbeats*. Last year, Dolan's debut *I Killed my Mother* was a smash hit at the film festival.

**7****Victoria Day**

HOLIDAY Sure, technically summer doesn't hit until June 21, but this weekend marks Canada's psychological arrival of the season. It's a long weekend name for the longest reigning female monarch in world history — how can that not deserve a trip to the cottage and a "cold one" to celebrate.

Mix of Six**Bill Cosby**

When: Friday, 7 & 10 p.m.
Where: The Schooner Room, Casino Nova Scotia

Arguably the funniest man to ever be on TV, Cosby's stand-up routine will have you laughing in the aisles. Tickets are \$81 and \$71 and available through ticketatlantic.com.

Peter Pan

When: Until May 30
Where: Neptune Theatre's Fountain Hall

This musical fairy tale is set to come to life in what is sure to be a hit with audiences. The play stars Stephen Roberts in the role of Peter Pan. For tickets, visit neptunetheatre.com.

Odds

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: The Schooner Room, Casino Nova Scotia

This Canadian alternative rock band formed in 1987 and became one of the most successful power pop acts of the '90s.

Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon

When: Sunday, 9 a.m.
Where: Starting point/finish line at Town Clock on Brunswick Street

Marathon runners take off at 9 a.m., followed by 10 km. runners, half-marathon runners and five km. competitors.

Nova Scotia Senior Soccer League

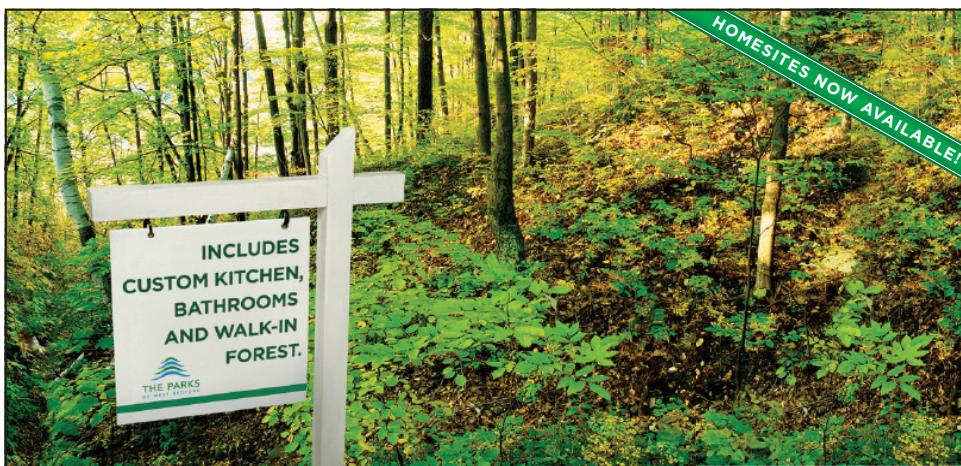
When: Saturday, 3 p.m.
Where: Wickwire Field, Dalhousie University

An all-Halifax matchup on opening day with Halifax City Elephant & Castle taking on Halifax Dunbrack City Mazda. All tickets are under \$10.

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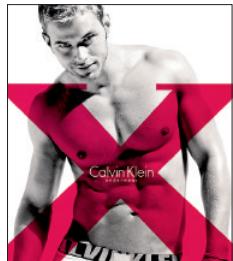
During a New York store appearance, the Twilight actor and Calvin Klein underwear poster boy Kellan Lutz talks vampires and briefs with Metro.

Q Before you began acting, you were a model. What about Calvin Klein Underwear made you want to go back to modeling again?

A I got into modeling when I was in a financial crisis. It was a great way to make money. I never thought I was pretty by any means. But it was great to be a part of that world. And the pinnacle of that world is to be on a billboard. I grew up wearing Calvin Klein. It's one of those things. As a model, I dreamt of being Marky Mark, being on a billboard and selling that company.

Q Speaking of Marky-Mark, were you nervous about comparisons when shooting this campaign?

A I was thrilled. I loved Marky-Mark's campaign. And by no means was I trying to fill his britches or, uh, boxer-briefs. I was



Twilight star Kellan Lutz went back to his modelling roots for the new Calvin Klein underwear campaign.

just stepping into them and doing my best to follow in his footsteps. And that's all I can hope and pray for.

Q Any surprises in store for the next Twilight movie, Eclipse?

A Emmett's character and story grow immensely in Eclipse. You see the battle between the newborns and you see the werewolves coming along. It's a big fighting movie and that's Emmett's strength. So there's the fighting and the big brother role, which is nice.

Q Since you were already in production, did you really have to prepare physically for this Calvin Klein campaign?

A Well I did. You know Emmett, my character, is more of the big guy. So I don't need the washboard abs, just the size. So I did a lot of push-ups and tons of protein. But for Calvin Klein, it's underwear. So I called up my buddy Rich McDonald

who's a personal trainer friend of mine. He put me on a great diet that took out the candy (which I love) and the carbs past 4 o'clock. ... So I started training with him and he got me into the shape that I need to be for the campaign.

Q So ... boxers or briefs?

A Boxer-briefs! And I love the blue trimmed ones. The blue ones bring out my eyes. (laughs). I didn't come up with that. I was on the street and I bent over to pick up my bag out the car and this girl yelled out, you have the blue ones on and your eyes are blue. And I was like, 'oh yeah, they do bring out my eyes!'

From Battlestar to the Louisiana bayou

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

Actress Michelle Forbes says she would love to reprise her role as the sinister maenad Maryann in the third season of *True Blood*. There's just one problem.

"Don't know how you come back with a big hole in your chest and no heart," laughs Forbes, while in Canada to promote the DVD release of *True Blood*'s second season.

"I know it's *True Blood* and all. But I think Maryann has gone to maenad heaven."

Not that it wasn't a good run. Forbes says she loved every minute of working on the Emmy-winning southern vampire series.

"It was awesome. You never knew where the story was going," she says.

"Episode to episode, the show went from being an old fashioned love story, to classic horror, to a farcical comedy. At the end, it was like a *Pi*-randello play. It was so ab-



Michelle Forbes

surd."

Though she's out of the TV vampire business, Forbes isn't hurting for work. Still best known as Ensign Ro from *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, Forbes remains one of the busiest actresses in the business.

Her credits over the last two decades include regular roles on *Homicide*, *24*, *Battlestar Galactica*, and *In Treatment*. Add to that guest appearances on everything from *Seinfeld* to *Lost*, and keeping them straight can get tricky at times.

"Lost? I have no f**king idea how I got that. I was in Germany and had to fly to Hawaii through England. It was like four times zones. I really can't remember much about it."

Though she has no "cunning career plan", Forbes admits she often gets cast as no-nonsense authority figures.

"At one point I had to leave the country (U.S.) and go to the UK just to play a housewife," she says.

Still, it's unlikely she'll ever get a role quite like *True Blood*'s Maryann — whose farewell scene remains memorable ... to say the least.

True Blood, The Complete Second Season, will be released on DVD and Blu-Ray on Tuesday.

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Groff happy for second chance to jump in Glee

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According to Jonathan Groff, fans of TV's *Glee* seem "okay" with his character Jesse St. James, a hated Glee club rival and romantic interloper.

"I haven't been spit on yet," laughs Groff. "And I got to say — I don't see Jesse as a bad guy. I think maybe Rachel (Lea Michele) has found a match in Jesse. But that's just me."

Of course, it helps that Groff's on-screen paramour is also his long time best friend. Groff and Michele worked the Broadway stage together years ago in a production of *Spring Awakening*.

"It was my first big break. And to be working with my best friend now doesn't seem like work at all."

It wasn't a complete coincidence that they would end up on the same TV

show. It was Groff who first introduced

Michele to Glee creator Ryan Murphy. And

when Murphy first mentioned he was working on a new show called *Glee*, he already had Groff in mind for a part.

Problem was Groff was initially tied up with another series pilot. But when that failed to catch on, *Glee* beckoned.

"A role was written specifically for me for the back nine episodes," says Groff, whose late arrival has given him a unique

perspective on the series' rapid, overwhelming success.

"I saw *Glee* explode from my TV at home. Then I got dropped into the hurricane."

So far, Groff counts his duet with Michele on Lionel Richie's *Hello* as a show favorite. And his toughest musical moment? AC/DC's *Highway To Hell*.

"I'm a singer before a dancer. Dancing is something that doesn't ever come easily."

As for Jesse St. James' future on the series, it's up in the air. Though *Glee* was renewed for another season a long time ago (and was recently awarded the coveted time slot after next year's Super Bowl), Groff isn't sure what his role might be.

"Details for my involvement haven't been worked out yet," he says. "But I'd love to see Rachel and Jesse end up together."

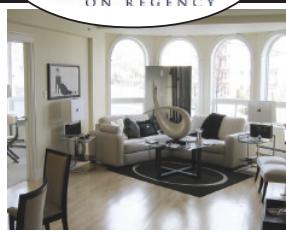
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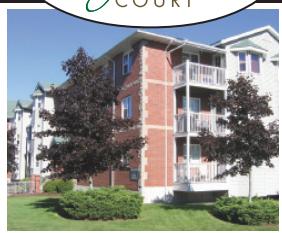
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Having turned 50 only last month, Valerie Bertinelli is now looking forward to a wedding this fall to her boyfriend of six years, Tom Vitale, people.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Lost in transportation

THIS IS ONE TRIP SHE WISHED SHE HADN'T DROPPED A judge issued a warrant Thursday for Lindsay Lohan's arrest after the actress missed a mandatory hearing. Bail was set at \$100,000.

The 23-year-old actress was due in court for a progress report on her probation stemming from two arrests in 2007. Her attorney, Shawn Chapman Holley, said Lohan's passport was stolen while she was at the Cannes Film Festival and was unable to return to Los Angeles in time for Thursday's hearing.

"She did, in fact, have airline tickets," Holley told the judge. "From our standpoint, there is a valid reason for her not being here today."

Holley said Lohan would be back in the United States by Friday evening. Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel wasn't satisfied, saying the star has a history of missing scheduled appointments.

"If she wanted to be here, it looks to the court that she could have been here," Revel said.

The judge revoked Loh-

han's probation, issued the arrest warrant and imposed several conditions should Lohan make bail. She will be prohibited from drinking any alcohol, required to wear an alcohol-monitoring bracelet and submit to random weekly drug testing.

Lohan could be arrested at the airport when she returns, Los Angeles County Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said Thursday outside the courthouse.

Lohan has been on probation since August 2007 after pleading guilty to

misdemeanour drug charges and no contest to three driving charges. The plea came after a pair of high-profile arrests earlier that year.

Despite spending 84 minutes in jail and performing mandatory service at the county morgue, Lohan has struggled repeatedly with the terms of her sentence.

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Courtney loves Kiss Me, Kate

OR WAS IT SHE LOVES KISSING KATE? Courtney Love has hinted for years that she had a lesbian fling with a supermodel, and she's now revealed that it was Kate Moss.

"It was Kate Moss. She doesn't care," Love tells Hot Press magazine.

"Kate wasn't doing a lot of drugs. It was just a thing that happened in Milan in the '90s. It happened and it was fun and whatever."

"And she

talks about it and so I hope she doesn't get mad that I outed her about it. I feel like such a kiss-and-tell."

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Trapped in tight quarters

AND ILLUSTRATING MANY A YOUNG GIRLS' FANTASY After delighting fans with a show at the Grove shopping complex in L.A., The Jonas Brothers found themselves trapped in an elevator for almost an hour, according to Page Six.

"For the first 15 minutes

they thought it was funny, but after 30 they started to worry," a source says.



"Security guards finally managed to pry open the doors. The elevator was between floors. The brothers are skinny and easily squeezed out, but it was tougher for their giant bodyguard."

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YAH, HE GETS AROUND Teen sensation Justin Bieber insists

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"I've made out with a couple of chicks," he says in an interview on the syndicated Johnjay and Rich radio show.

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Bye bye, beautiful cosmopolitan couple

AND ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST

Amanda Seyfried said in a recent interview that she wasn't sure boyfriend Dominic Cooper is "the one," and it looks like she's taken her own words to heart.

The

Mamma Mia co-stars are no longer dating, according to People magazine.

"Amanda and Dominic have been on and off for a while, and right now they're taking a break," a source says.

"But they're great friends and could still get back together."

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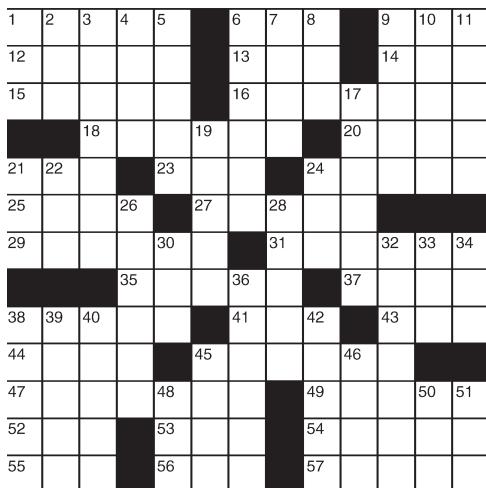
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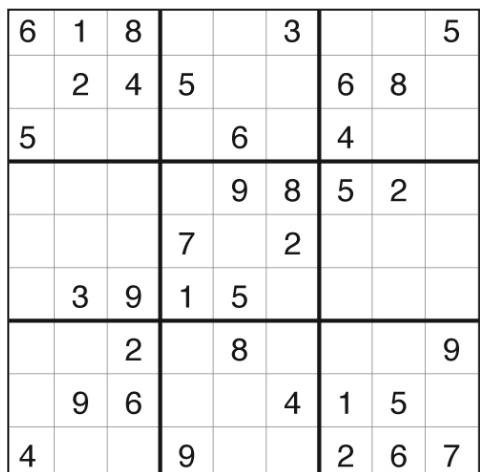
Of course, the Range Rover mentor Usher gave him for his 16th birthday doesn't hurt.

"I mean, if you're driving you make a little stop at, you know, the Walmart rest stop. You're good," he says.

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What you need more than anything now is to get together with a group of people who share your tastes, interests and opinions.

LIBRA**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

You are so full of self-belief that you want to be challenged so you can show what you can do. No doubt that will happen but don't go looking for a fight.

TAURUS**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

You will be looking to treat yourself at every opportunity. And why not? You've done more than enough to deserve it.

SCORPIO**OCT 24-NOV 22**

You will be looking for meaning in the world around you. Whether or not you find it remains to be seen, but look inside yourself too.

GEMINI**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

You can feel your energy beginning to grow and already you are making plans on how best to use it. The next few weeks will bring many opportunities.

SAGITTARIUS**NOV 23-DEC 21**

A loved one may be under the impression that they have offended you, simply because you have been too busy to pay them much attention.

CANCER**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

Grab some time for yourself today. Your work schedule may be busy but you need to think about some more personal issues.

CAPRICORN**DEC 22-JAN 20**

There may be times today when you lose sight of your long-term goal, simply because there are so many little things to take care of.

LEO**JULY 23-AUG 23**

You may have big plans but how practical are they? This is the question you need to ask yourself today.

AQUARIUS**JAN 21-FEB 18**

Everyone has a talent, something that they are naturally good at, and the planets are urging you to make better use of the gifts you were born with.

VIRGO**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

Positive cosmic developments will fuel your sense of ambition today and over the weekend, but don't get carried away.

PISCES**FEB 19-MARCH 20**

The Sun's transit of the domestic angle of your chart over the next few weeks warns you must not let developments on the home front get to you.

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3 Cook beans in boiling water until crisp-tender, 5 minutes. Drain; rinse immediately with cold water.

4 Mince remaining garlic clove. Whisk vinegar, oil, garlic, shallot, and remaining salt and pepper in small bowl. Divide mesclun among plates and arrange steak, red peppers, beans, and tomatoes on top. Drizzle with dressing.

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